

**Town of Somers
Economic Development Commission
P.O. Box 308
Somers, CT. 06071**

**EDC Minutes
January 3, 2011
Somers Town Hall
Selectmen's Conference Room**

Call to Order

Chairman Lou Bachetti called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Attendance

**Members present were, Robert Schmidt, Ron Elliott, Rick Cheney, and Lou Bachetti.
Members absent, David Reed and Maura Gardner.**

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Rick Cheney and seconded by Robert Schmidt that the minutes of December 6, 2010 be approved as presented. The motion passed.

Correspondence

Lou Bachetti reported he was given the names of two prospects that have shown interest in becoming a member of the EDC Commission. Lou also reported that the Somers Farmers Market Participants would like to be included in the next publication of the Somers Business Directory. Ron Elliott reported that he was contacted by Tom Mehl of Tom Mehl Handyman that they also wish to be included in the next business publication and expressed disappointment that they were not included in the most recent publication. Lou Bachetti took notes of these and will forward the names to the publication coordinator.

Report/New England Regional Chili Cook-off Event

As a follow up to last month's meeting on the above topic, it was agreed that the Commission will help in promoting this event by notifying the other businesses in town of the date and contact information concerning this event utilizing the internet correspondence data base that had been recently assembled. It was also suggested that members of the commission bring any other ideas they may have to promote this event to the next meeting for discussion.

Response/2011 EDC Goals

Lou Bachetti reported that the 2011 EDC goals as set forth at the last commission meeting have been reviewed and endorsed by the Board of Selectmen.

2011 “After Hours” networking meeting

The Howland and Sargent Insurance Agency has agreed to host the next networking meeting at their facility. The scheduled date is February 15, 2011 and their theme is “Boot the Blues” Ample parking across the street from their office will be available as the date chosen coincides with the day that the Italian Villa is closed.

Discussion/ fire marshall inspection fees

At the prior EDC meeting, members were given a list of fire Marshall Inspection fees imposed by the Town of Somers as well as a comparative list of fees for similar services performed from surrounding towns. The review of these fees was initiated because of numerous complaints received from artisans, venders, and participants in the Four Town Fair venues and activities. It was the consensus of the commission that the fees be reviewed by the First Selectmen with the recommendation that they be reviewed for fairness, equitability, and most importantly, are applied on a consistent basis.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Motion by Ron Elliott and seconded by Lou Bachetti to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ronald L Elliott, secretary
Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.